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LPG black marketing

Police can't act alone, says Home Minister

'Food and Civil Supplies Department must detect LPG hoarding first'

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar holding a meeting with Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Zilla Panchayat CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, DCP (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and IGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, at Government Guest House in Mysuru, this morning.

48 cylinders seized in Mysuru district: Food Joint Director

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (BLU&DM)- State Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar said, the Police Department cannot take *suo motu* action against the alleged black marketing of LPG cylinders and can conduct raids only when the Food and Civil Supplies Department provides specific information about such activities.

Speaking to press persons at the Government Guest House in Nazarbad here this morning, Dr. Parameshwar, who is on a private visit to the city, said, it is the responsibility of the Food and Civil Supplies Department to detect cases of black marketing and hoarding of LPG cylinders and report them to the Police.

"The Police can take action only after receiving specific complaints or information from the concerned Department," he said.

Replying to a question on steps being taken to control the prices of LPG cylinders and other essential commodities, with some traders allegedly increasing prices citing the ongoing West Asia conflict, the Home Minister said, it is primarily the responsibility of the Union Government to control price rise and inflation.

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END OF A RIDE

City Volvo fleet retires

KSRTC withdraws 33 buses after 15 years of service, sends for scrapping

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (BLU&BCT)- The Volvo buses of KSRTC, fondly called the 'Red Beauty' by commuters and onlookers, have reached the end of their journey in Mysuru. KSRTC has now officially withdrawn all 33 Volvo buses after they crossed the 15-year age limit.

Known for their air-conditioned comfort, safety features and smooth ride, the buses were once a symbol of luxury public transport in the city.

The move follows strict directives from the Central Government that vehicles older than 15 years must be scrapped and cannot be used for public transport. Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) have also been instructed not to issue Fitness Certificates (FC) for such vehicles under any circumstances.

(See VOLVO on page 7)

GOING ELECTRIC

100 EV buses to replace Volvos by 2027

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (BLU&BCT)- In place of the phased-out Volvo fleet, Mysuru city is set to welcome eco-friendly electric (EV) buses that promise a similar level of comfort and quality in public transport. KSRTC has requested 100 electric buses, which are expected to arrive early next year.

The Union Government has already announced allocation of 750 air-conditioned electric buses to Karnataka under the PM-eBus Seva scheme, of which Mysuru is likely to receive around 100 buses.

To support the new fleet, a vast KSRTC bus depot is under construction at Bannimantap, with dedicated facilities for electric buses, including charging stations and other essential infrastructure. Once the depot is completed, the Government is expected to allocate the electric buses to Mysuru, said H.T. Veeresh, Divisional Controller of KSRTC's Mysuru City Division.

"At present, KSRTC Rural Division operates 14 EV buses with only two charging points. This infrastructure will be inadequate to support the proposed fleet of 100 buses. The responsibility for installing additional charging stations has been entrusted to Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC)," he said.

After the new depot is completed, CESC will install the required charging facilities and hand them over to KSRTC.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 6th April 2026

Ramakrishna Vidyakendra launches School and College websites

Mysuru, Apr. 6- Ramakrishna Vidyakendra, Mysuru, has launched its newly developed School and College websites with the blessings of Swami Muktidanandaji, President, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Yadavagiri, Mysuru, at the Kendra premises in Ramakrishnanagar on Apr. 2.

The websites were formally launched by M. Papegowda, Hon. President of Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha in the presence of Sangha President Prof. G. Chandrashekar, Secretary M. Doreraju, Treasurer H.G. Ramesh, School Head Master G.N. Vishwanath, Head Mistress Veena K. Hegde, PU College Principal C. Shivappa, Sri Pranamya Trust President V.P. Savitha and academic staff.

This new digital platform is designed to provide seamless access to academic resources, administrative updates, school and college events.

School website: ***https://www.ramakrishnavidyakendra-school.com/***

College website: ***https://www.ramakrishnavidyakendrapu-college.com/***

The websites have been designed to offer a user-friendly experience, enabling students, parents, alumni and prospective families to easily access essential information, educational resources and campus updates.

The websites were developed by Sanjay Ahuja of Software Guru, who was also present during the launch ceremony.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DHARMA IN DEEDS, NOT WORDS: ***'Actions prove who someone is; words just prove who they want to be.' Such random quotes often pop up as WhatsApp forwards or good morning messages. While most are not worth a second glance, some quotes compel me to think. Until recently, I had presumed that the word 'action' itself evokes a negative connotation. But this myth was thankfully broken by my yoga instructor. Every class, he would begin by saying, 'One small action can usher in great results.' He was referring to the positive action we take every day of attending his classes.***

In another context, my grandmother would often say in Kannada that there are two kinds of people in this world — talkers and doers. I comprehended the true meaning of her words when I learnt about the scenario in my cousin's house.

My cousin's mother-in-law, who is in her late 70s, lives alone. Two of her sons live abroad, while the youngest son, who is a government employee, stays in a nearby town. Being the first responder to her needs, my cousin's husband has been the epitome of a dutiful son as long as I have known him. But every time I spoke to his mother, she would invariably talk about her older sons, appreciating their 'plans' for her and their promptness in talking to her every day. Though I was intrigued by the blatant disregard for her youngest son, I remained quiet, hoping that time may wipe out her mental haze. As years rolled by, gifts and gadgets arrived promptly from abroad while her sons' visits became fewer. She justified this by saying, "They have high-paying jobs and other commitments, so it's difficult for them to visit me."

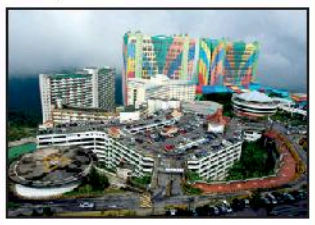
Unmindful of his mother's prejudice and his siblings' ostentatious behaviour, the youngest son continues to attend to her. His 'doer' mentality speaks volumes about his love and dharma vis-à-vis the 'talkers' who merely claim loyalty and concern. Isn't it time that we make a clear distinction between 'performative' love and selfless duty and love?

Like our yoga teacher says, right action embodies proof of commitment and care, while words can merely dazzle. When it comes to caring for our loved ones, I am trying my best to follow this simple yet profound quote by Benjamin Franklin — "Well done is better than well said."

— Rohini S. Murthy in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's largest hotel has over 7,000 rooms!



Genting Highlands: The First World Hotel & Plaza at Genting Highlands in Malaysia, is not the world's most impressive hotel but features 7,351 operational rooms across two large towers, making it the world's largest hotel.

In 2006, the First World Hotel & Plaza had "just" 6,118 rooms, and it actually lost the title of 'world's largest hotel' just two years later when the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas expanded to 7,128 rooms. However, with the construction of the second tower, the Malaysian resort regained its title in 2015 and has been holding on to it ever since.

Although not as famous as its rival in size, the Venetian, First World Hotel & Plaza maintains a surprisingly high occupancy rate. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, it had an average occupancy rate of 90 percent and today, it is almost always around full capacity.

Politician expelled for edited photo

Rotterdam: A Dutch city councillor has been kicked out of her political party after editing her publicity photo so heavily that she became unrecognisable. Patricia Reichman, a councilwoman elected to represent a neighbourhood in Rotterdam, Netherlands, has been criticised for editing the official candidate photo that she personally provided to the point where she became unrecognisable. Despite the obvious difference, she insisted that she is the person in the photo.

Reichman's political party, Leefbaar Rotterdam, acknowledged that her photo was clearly digitally edited, and asked her to resign from her public office, but she refused. So it was left with no choice but to expel her.

"The photo has clearly been heavily edited with AI and is not a realistic representation," the Leefbaar Rotterdam statement reads.

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Evaluation of SSLC answer scripts to commence from Apr. 8

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MTY&DM)- With the SSLC exam-1 (2025-26) over, the evaluation of answer scripts will be held across the State from Apr.8 to 12.

SSLC exam-1 of Karnataka State Board was held from Mar. 18 to Apr. 2 at 136 centres in Mysuru district (43 in city and 93 in taluks). The district recorded 99 percent attendance of students, with about 1 percent absentees.

Mysuru DDPI Uday Kumar said that the evaluation of answer scripts will be held at 7 centres in the district from Apr. 8 to 12. "400 teachers have been designated for each subject. The evaluation of answer scripts is being done with decoding system for the first time and the answer papers of the district have been dispatched to other districts in GPS-fitted vehicles, as per the decoding system specified by the Government," he noted.

Continuing, Uday Kumar said as many as 36,179 students from 703 High Schools (277 Government, 122 aided and 304 unaided private) had registered for the exam (6 papers). With the exams over, the focus is now on evaluation which will be done in 7 centres for 5 days. Every teacher taking part in evaluation work will be assigned 10 papers in the morning session and 10 in the afternoon. Overall, each teacher can evaluate 100 to 120 papers during the 5 days, he said adding that teachers taking part in evaluation would be provided TA, DA and other applicable allowances.

WATER LEVEL

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Last year's level **103.93 feet**	Last year's level **2,268.86 feet**	Last year's level **2,833.95 feet**
Yesterday's level **103.65 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,264.32 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.90 feet**
Today's Inflow **67 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **113 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **228 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,366 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **2,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***India is a global biodiversity hotspot, home to over 44,500 identified plant species, with roughly 28% endemic to the country. Unique flora includes the purple-blooming Neelakurinji (flowers every 12 years), root-parasitic Sapria himalayana and "living fossil" Cycas beddomei. These plants are concentrated in Western Ghats and Himalayas.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mom: *Susie, how was the play you attended at the theatre? Did it have a happy ending?*

Susie: *Yes, in a way. Everybody was very happy when it finally ended!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 92.89
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 122.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.30
1 Euro	= Rs. 107.12

VOICE OF THE READER

FSSAI certification and roadside eateries

Sir,

The Union Government has exempted roadside eateries from the requirement of obtaining licences from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), provided they possess trade licences issued by local authorities.

The decision has reportedly been taken in the interest of roadside eateries and to relieve them of the burden of dual licensing requirements.

However, certain questions arise: If roadside eateries are exempted from obtaining FSSAI licences, does it also mean that the food products prepared by them need not adhere to standards of quality and hygiene?

Why should'nt regular restaurants also be exempted from FSSAI certification? Why are they required to maintain higher standards than roadside eateries?

Regular restaurants are already at a disadvantage as they incur higher establishment costs and are required to pay taxes such as GST and Income Tax, obligations that many roadside eateries do not have.

It is also common knowledge that roadside eateries, irrespective of whether they possess trade licences or not, often occupy or encroach upon public spaces such as roadsides and footpaths, causing obstruction to both vehicular traffic and pedestrian movement.

This issue needs to be addressed before considering concessions or exemptions for them in any matter.

—K.R. Jayaprakash Rao
Nazarbad 21.3.2026

S. Kusumakumari appointed as new Registrar of KSOU

Mysuru, Apr.6 (MTY&DM)- KAS Officer S. Kusumakumari has been appointed as the new Registrar (Administration) of the city-based Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) at Mukthagangothri campus.

Kusumakumari

The Government on Sunday had appointed Kusumakumari, a 2006 batch KAS Officer, who was awaiting posting, as the new Registrar of KSOU, following the transfer of the incumbent Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar, who has been repatriated to his home department of Computer Science, Mangalore University at Mangaluru.

Prof. Naveen Kumar was appointed as the Registrar (Administration) of KSOU just seven months ago, after Prof. K.B. Praveen was removed from the post following charges of irregularities against him. Now, with the appointment of Kusumakumari, the 2-decades old tradition of Professors holding the post in KSOU, has been broken.

Kusumakumari had earlier served in Mysuru as Mysuru Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer (EO) and as Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Additional Commissioner, from which post she was transferred a month ago and was awaiting posting since then.

Rotary Diamond donates incinerator to Post Matric Girls Hostel

Mysuru, Apr.6- The Rotary Club of Mysuru Diamond (RCMD), Dattagalli, Mysuru, marked the occasion of International Women's Day by donating an incinerator to D. Devaraj Urs Backward Class Post Matric Girls Hostel in Dattagalli.

Rtn. Rachana Nagesh (ZL) was the chief guest at the inauguration held in the presence of Rtn. M.S. Naveen Chandra (AG) and Rtn. Vijay Bopanna (ZL).

Addressing the gathering of around 190 students, Rtn. Rachana Nagesh encouraged them to practice meditation regularly, focus on their studies and prioritise building successful careers.

Charter President of RCMD Rtn. PHF CMA Anil Saldanha welcomed. Other Rotarians present on the occasion included Rtn. Nirmala, Rtn. Victor Menezes, and Rtn. Paul Sequeira.

The event was also attended by the Hostel In-charge Nagarathna and Mahalakshmi.

'India has become a global health hub'

National Medical Commission's Medical Assessment and Rating Board President Dr. M.K. Ramesh at JSS Medical College Graduation Day

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, National Medical Commission's Medical Assessment and Rating Board President Dr. M.K. Ramesh** (sitting 3rd from left) **and others seen with JSS Medical graduates.

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (VVH&DM)- "With India having better medical facilities, the country has turned out into a global health hub," said National Medical Commission's Medical Assessment and Rating Board President Dr. M.K. Ramesh.

He was speaking at the Graduation Day at JSS Medical College in Sri Shivarathreeshwaranagar here on Saturday.

Maintaining that there are many fully equipped modern hospitals and health centres across the country, Dr. Ramesh said most of the doctors here can converse fluently in English and medical expenses are comparatively much lower, which are the key factors which drive foreigners to visit India for their medical needs.

Regretting that the medical sector too is getting commercialised these days, Dr. Ramesh, however said that despite this, there are many medical professionals who are following ethics and are service-minded. The doctors of the present generation should draw inspiration from them, he observed.

Stating that in the past, farmers used to gift the doctors with the crops they had grown in return for their treatment, he said medical professionals should maintain value of the noble profession. Those in medical service should not forget professional ethics and practises, he pointed out.

Stating that India is a country which is growing fast on all fronts, Dr. Ramesh said India would be a developed nation when the country celebrates its 100th year of freedom in 2047. In such a situation, it is in the hands of medical professionals on how to make use of it. As such, doctors should upgrade their skills in keeping with the latest developments, he said adding that learning new technologies and techniques and overcoming stress is key for career growth in medical profession.

He further said that medical students who have freshly graduated should build confidence gradually for overcoming professional challenges and achieving success in career.

As many as 195 students received their medical degrees on the occasion. Dr. Purna Bansal secured 7 gold medals and 6 cash prizes; Dr. Prakhar Gupta - 2 gold medals and 1 cash prize; Dr. Sandra Anna Sam - 1 gold medal and 2 cash prizes; Dr. Yashika Sharma - 1 gold medal; Dr. Sneha Manosh Kumar - 2 cash prizes; Dr. Shreya Bose - 1 cash prize and Dr. Dyuksha Arora - 1 cash prize.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Chancellor of the JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), graced the occasion.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Registrar Prof. B. Manjunatha, Controller of Examinations Dr. Sudheendra Bhat, JSS Medical College Principal Dr. D. Narayanappa, Vice-Principal Dr. M.N. Suma, Dr. Manthappa, JSS Hospital Director Dr. C.P. Madhu, Administrative Officer S.R. Satish Chandra and others were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Discourse series

A discourse series by **Sri Chidrupananda Saraswathi Swamiji** will be held at No. 4944, 8th Main Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, in city from Apr. 6 to 9 at 6.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 77608-31984.

Entries invited for Book Award

The Karnataka Sahitya Academy has invited entries for Book Award. Books of any literary form and first published in 2025 are eligible for the award. Writers, publishers or literary enthusiasts can send four copies of their book addressed to the Registrar, Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Kannada Bhavan, 2nd Floor, J.C. Road, Bengaluru- 2. The entries can be sent either by Registered Post/Courier or in person before June. 30. For details, log on to *www.sahityaacademy.karnataka.gov.in*.

Apprenticeship Mela tomorrow

The Department of Employment and Training has organised a day-long Apprenticeship Mela at Government ITI College on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road in N.R. Mohalla, tomorrow (Apr. 7). SSLC/PUC/ITI/Diploma holders and graduates can take part. For more details, contact Vice-Principal Bopaiah (99457-11787) or Training Officer M.H. Nagesh (99456-16088).

Passing Out Parade

The Passing Out Parade of the 8th batch of Armed Police Probationers will be held at CAR Parade Grounds in city at 8 am tomorrow (Apr. 7). Inspector General of Police (IGP) - Southern Range Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah will receive the Guard of Honour and distribute prizes. City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar will be the chief guest. DCP (Law & Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada and DCP (Crime & Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj will be present.

Ph.D awardee

H.M. Latharani has been awarded Ph.D in Mathematics by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'A Study on Theory of Topological Indices and Domination Energy of Graphs' submitted under the guidance of Dr. D. Soner Nandappa.

Kerala trekker found safe in Thadiyandamol

Deep knowledge of forest paths helps five tribal youths locate stranded IT professional

Madikeri, Apr. 6 (PS&BCT)- Thirty-six-year-old IT professional Sharanya from Eyyankode in Nadapuram, Kozhikode district of Kerala, who had gone missing in the Thadiyandamol Hill ranges of Kodagu, was found safe last evening after an intensive multi-agency search operation.

A team of five youths from the local Kudiya and Adiya tribal communities, Aiyappa, Subramanya, Manikanta, Raju and Mani, located Sharanya, ending four days of anxious search efforts.

Sharanya had gone missing on Apr. 2 while participating in a trek to Thadiyandamol Peak, the third-highest peak in Karnataka at 1,748 metres.

She was found about 3.5 km from the Thadiyandamol trekking base near Pandanamale Hill, in the dense Malethirike forest, nearly 4 km from the Seebethittu Forest Check Post.

Taking a different search path

Recounting the rescue, Aiyappa told reporters that while several teams had been searching along the trekking route for the past three days, their group decided to explore the rocky slopes off the main trail.

"Yesterday morning, after offering prayers to our deity, we entered the forest through a steep path we know well. We use the route once a year when we go into the forest to collect honey," he said.

"At one point, we stopped near a stream to drink water and began calling out 'Sharanya... Sharanya.' We shouted repeatedly and at first heard only echoes in the dense forest. When we called out again, we faintly heard a woman's voice responding from far away," he recalled. The team then rushed towards the direction of the voice.

"In about 20 minutes, we reached Pandanamale, around 7 km from Thadiyandamol. There, near two small streams and a large tree, we saw Sharanya standing on a rock, exhausted, dishevelled, but alive," he said.

According to Aiyappa, Sharanya broke down in tears when she saw them. The youth reassured her and guided her down the slope to the base camp.

"She was weak and walked slowly with the help of a stick, but we supported her and brought her out safely," he added.

Without food for 4 days

Sharanya, daughter of K. Gopi and Shailaja, had survived for four days in the forest without food and was physically exhausted when rescued.

She was admitted to the Government Hospital in Virajpet, where doctors provided immediate treatment. Sharanya was discharged around 9.30 pm and later left for Kerala with her father Gopi and her brother Shyam.

Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna visited the site after hearing of the rescue, encouraged Sharanya and thanked the tribal youth, Forest Department staff, Police personnel and Anti-Naxal Force members who took part in the operation. Sharanya's family also expressed gratitude to the rescue teams.

Fourth such incident

The incident marks the fourth case of trekkers facing serious trouble in the Thadiyandamol Hill ranges. Although the trekking trail is not considered very difficult, trekkers have occasionally lost their way or faced emergencies in the surrounding forest.

In one earlier incident, a couple from Bengaluru became stranded in the dense forest and were rescued the next day by villagers. In another case, a Bengaluru youth who lost his way during a trek was also brought back safely by locals. More recently, a trekker suffered a fatal heart attack while climbing the hill. Villagers, along with Napoklu Police, carried the body down from the slopes.

Survived on water, took shelter under a tree

Sharanya's survival story

Sharanya

Madikeri, Apr. 6 (PS&BCT)- After the rescue, Sharanya told reporters that she had somehow lost her way but never felt afraid. "I could not see anyone when I climbed down. I reached a path on the left side but could not find anyone there," she said.

"I lost my way and when I saw people on the hilltop, I tried to reach them by taking a route uphill, but soon they disappeared from view. I then moved downhill but lost network connectivity and ended up in a dense forest," she said.

"After realising that I had lost my way, I immediately called the homestay owner and asked him to inform the Forest Check Post staff. At that time, my mobile phone had only one percent charge left, and soon after the call, it switched off," she said.

"On the second day, I climbed higher up the hill as the area had better visibility, hoping a drone might spot me. On the third day, I wanted to walk, but it rained heavily. I was drenched, and it was very cold at night. I couldn't sleep."

"Every evening, around 6.45 pm, I took shelter at the base of a large tree in the forest. In the wilderness, it felt safer to stay there during the night. For three days, I survived only on water from streams in the forest. I kept screaming intermittently in the hope that someone would hear me," she added.

"As there was no food, I drank about three litres of water each day and started walking early in the morning, around 6 am, hoping to find my way back. One day it rained and the next day the hills were covered with thick clouds and mist, making it difficult to see the terrain clearly," she said. "I even spotted elephant calves at a distance, but fortunately they did not come near me," she recalled.

Increase of drinking water & UGD maintenance tariffs

Release white paper on existing tax collection: Former Mayor

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MTY&VNS)- Former Mayor Shivakumar has expressed his concerns over the increasing drinking water and UGD maintenance tariffs demanding the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to come out with a white paper with regard to existing collection of drinking water and UGD maintenance taxes in each Assembly Constituency.

Shivakumar

Addressing the media persons at a private hotel in city on Saturday, Shivakumar said, "The MCC should inform the public regarding the collection of drinking water and UGD maintenance taxes before implementing the proposed 30 percent hike in drinking water tariff and 10 percent hike in UGD maintenance tariff."

Stating that officials taking such decisions in absence of Corporators were condemnable, Shivakumar said that the decision to increase drinking water and UGD maintenance taxes from Apr. 1 would add to existing burden of the people.

"According to Karnataka Urban Development Rules, there is provision to revise the drinking water tariff once in every three years. However, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif has stated that the tariff has been increased after 14 years."

"People have been already burdened with the increase of petrol, diesel, CNG, PNG and the other petroleum products prices owing to the ongoing US, Israel and Iran war. They are also finding it difficult to procure LPG cylinders. The State Government, which is facing a financial bankruptcy through its Guarantee Schemes has already increased the electricity tariff and prices of milk and other essential commodities. In such situation, the increase of drinking water and UGD maintenance tariffs has only added to existing woes of the general public," he added.

Shivakumar further said that the monthly minimum tariff has been increased from Rs. 123 to Rs. 163 and Rs. 6.50 per 1,000 litres for consumption up to 25,000 litres, Rs. 10 per 1,000 litres for 25,001 to 50,000 litres, Rs. 15 per 1,000 litres for 50,001 to 75,000 litres, Rs. 20 per 1,000 litres for 75,001 to 1 lakh litres and Rs. 25 per 1,000 litres for consumption above 1 lakh litres, the revision of which is not acceptable under current situation.

Demanding for a relook into proposed hike in drinking water taxes, Shivakumar said, "The MCC Commissioner has not announced regarding the expenditure of additional funds that would be collected. Presently, there are no action plans for city's development. Along with this, the MCC withdrew the permission to construct a tonga stand in front of Town Hall and also the tax levied on two-wheelers, three-wheelers and four wheelers which highlights administrative failure in MCC."

Kerala Assembly Polls 2026

Excise sleuths nab person carrying Rs. 17.50 lakh cash

IT Department suspects use of 'hawala' network in money transportation

Bengaluru, Apr. 6 (Agencies)- With just over a couple of days left for the Assembly Polls in Kerala, the political parties are leaving no stone unturned to gain the voters' confidence to ensure their victory in the polls.

With polling scheduled on Apr. 9, the authorities are suspecting a large amount of money being illegally transported from Karnataka to Kerala with Kerala Excise sleuths recovering Rs. 17.50 lakh cash from a person at Amaravila check-post in Thiruvananthapuram yesterday.

The cash bundles of Rs. 500 denomination was found in a bag during the routine check of a private bus travelling from Bengaluru towards Kazhakootam in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Excise sleuths took one Narayanaswamy, 29, into custody. Sources said that on being questioned, Narayanaswamy told the officials that he was informed that a person would collect the money from him on reaching Kazahakootam.

However, he has not spilled the details about the person who handed him the cash or about the person who was to collect the money in Kazahakootam.

Excise Inspector Anil Kumar-led team, which seized the cash, has transferred the case to Income Tax (IT) Department for further investigation as no proper document was produced by the accused at the time of seizure.

The IT officials have taken the custody of Narayanaswamy and are questioning him regarding the source of the cash and other details.

The officials have also suspected the use of 'hawala' network to facilitate illegal money transportation.

With seizure of cash at the check-post, the Kerala Police and Excise sleuths have intensified their vigil at the borders, especially on the inter-State buses and private vehicles.

The Opposition Parties in Kerala have expressed their concerns over the illegal transportation of money from Karnataka and have highlighted the issue with the Kerala Government.

Obituary

Mohammed Zaheerulla

Mysuru, Apr. 6- Mohammed Zaheerulla (67), a social worker and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away following a heart attack this morning in city.

He leaves behind two daughters, one son, brother Mohammed Najeebulla (a Civil Contractor and Joint Secretary of Masjid Quba Management Committee) and a host of relatives & friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at 5.15 pm at Masjid Quba in Udayagiri followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Mariswamy

Mariswamy (82), a resident of K.C. Layout, passed away in the early hours of today in city. He had served as the Personal Assistant to MLAs and MPs.

He leaves behind his wife Lakshmamma, two sons, one daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

V. Satyanarayana

V. Satyanarayana (90), retired Engineer and a resident of J.P. Nagar, passed away following a heart attack at Sydney in Australia on Saturday. He leaves behind his wife, sons, daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Satyanarayana was the Founder-President of J.P. Nagar Brahmana Sangha and had strived hard for the construction of Sri Rama Mandira at J.P. Nagar.

Gambling: Cops register case against 10 persons

Seize Rs. 2.14 lakh stake money

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (PM&KS)- In separate raids by the District Special Crime Detection Team and T. Narasipur Police, who raided an agricultural land and a gambling den, have registered a case against 10 persons indulged in gambling and have seized a total of Rs. 2,14,000 stake money from them.

In the first raid, the District Special Crime Detection Team, following a tip off, raided an agricultural field at Vatal village in T. Narasipur taluk where a group of people were indulged in gambling on Saturday and seized Rs. 2,04,000 stake money besides registering case against five persons.

In the second raid, T. Narasipur Police, on Sunday, raided a gambling den at Ramegowdapura in the taluk and seized Rs. 10,000 stake money and registered a case against five persons.

Provide information

Meanwhile, the District Police, in a bid to put brakes to illegal activities, have intensified their operations and have urged the public to provide information to the nearest Police Station if they come across people indulged in gambling using playing cards, cricket betting, selling and consuming narcotic substances etc.

AYUSH Dept. orders closure of clinic at Devalapura

Clinic run by quack; licence in father's name; operational for nearly 50 years

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (GA&BS)- District AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) Department Officer Dr. C. Renukadevi has issued orders directing the closure of a clinic at Devalapura in Varuna hobli, Mysuru taluk, which was being run illegally, by a quack, prescribing allopathic medicines to the patients.

Sri Gurumalleshwara Clinic at Devalapura was being run by Dr. Vivekananda G. Sannur, DAM (Diploma in Ayurvedic Medicine), for the past 45 to 50 years. Now, Dr. Vivekananda's son Naveen, despite not possessing any medical qualification, was issuing the prescriptions illegally, misusing the license issued in the name of his father.

The injections and medicines, generally used by allopathic practitioners, were found in the clinic, during an inspection carried out by District AYUSH officials, following a complaint received in this regard.

On Oct. 30, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner-headed Registration and Grievance Redressal Authority meeting, had conducted an enquiry into the complaints received against above clinic and ordered the quashing of the registration obtained by Dr. Vivekananda under Diploma in Ayurvedic Medicine course.

As it is mandatory to be a Medical Graduate to obtain registration under Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act, Dr. Vivekananda had succeeded in getting the registration under Ayurveda course. During the inspection at clinic, the registration certificate was also found to have expired.

The clinic was being opened from 6 am to 10 am and 7 pm to 9 pm. Now, the doctor has been instructed to shut down the clinic.

He has been also warned of disciplinary action, if any attempts are made to reopen the clinic, in the letter issued by AYUSH Department to Dr. Vivekananda.

FLOWERS that never fade

At 85, he crafts a colourful crepe paper world

By S. Kenneth Shishir

When many choose to lead a quiet life after retirement, an 85-year-old senior citizen in Mysuru spends his days crafting beautiful artefacts from discarded coconut and wood apple shells, while decorating his home with flowers that only appear real.

In fact, these are carefully hand-crafted blooms made from imported crepe paper in vibrant colours that closely mimic nature's beauty.

Coconut shell art and paper-flower craft continue to thrive in Mysuru, blending traditional craftsmanship with sustainable practices.

The multi-talented senior citizen from Ramakrishnanagar 'K' Block is K.S. Srikantu. A post-graduate in History, he also completed a five-year sculpture course at the Chamarajendra Technical Institute on Sayyaji Rao Road as a private student between 1965 and 1967.

Srikantu later joined the Department of Archaeology as a temporary employee and was involved in the repair of several temple *gopuras* from 1976 to 2002, before stepping away from service. During this period, he contributed to the restoration of about 22 temple towers.

Among the temples where he undertook repair works are the Sri Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud (1976), Sri Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple in Melukote (1978), Sri Chowdeshwari Temple in Mysuru (1986), Sri Mahalingeshwaraswamy Temple in Mysuru (1987), Sri Male Mahadeshwara Temple at MM Hills (1991), Sri Jwalamukhi Tripurasundari Temple at Uttanahalli (1996), Sri Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple at B.R. Hills (1997), repair and painting of Mahishasura statue atop Chamundi Hill (1997), Sri Lakshmijanardhana Swamy Temple in Mandya (2001), Sri Prasanna Nanjundeshwaraswamy Temple at Santhepet in Mysuru and Sri Shwetha Varahaswamy Temple at Mysore Palace (2002), among others in and around the city.

After quitting his job, Srikantu wished to continue sculpting. "As I did not have space to store large rocks and boulders required for sculpture, I began creating useful and decorative items from empty coconut and wood apple shells. I also started making colourful flowers using imported crepe paper," he says.

His day begins with prayer. After breakfast, he arranges his work table with scissors of different sizes, knives of various shapes, chisels and other tools and immerses himself in his craft. "Nothing goes to waste in my house. Even discarded plastic items are turned into something useful. I have made wooden earrings, animal figurines, necklaces and other decorative pieces from waste materials. My works have been exhibited at expos in Bengaluru and at the Dasara Exhibition," he says.

Srikantu has also trained many women in making paper flowers, artificial jewellery and paper purses. "I do not sell my artworks. I teach only those who are genuinely interested and charge a nominal fee. They must bring their own materials," he adds.

An accomplished drama artiste as well, he trained the then Nanjangud Temple Chief Priest Neelakanta Dixit. His play 'Samayakke Sullu' has won several prizes in competitions, he says with a smile.

Srikantu lives with his son K.S. Santosh, who runs a software company in city, daughter-in-law Shalini, grandson Sankeerth and granddaughter Shradha. His wife, T.R. Nirmala, a lecturer at a junior college in Mandya, passed away in 2009. **Srikantu can be reached on Mob: 97314-00276.**

K.S. Srikantu engrossed in creating an artwork by using a saw to give shape to coconut shells at his house.

An artwork made from coconut shells.

Coconut and wood apple shells turned into bowls.

A cow figurine made from a waste material.

Anti-hoarding raids: 48 LPG cylinders seized

Raids include unauthorised LPG filling units in Mysuru: Food Joint Director

Manteswamy

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MK &VNS)- The Department of Food and Civil Supplies has seized a total of 48 LPG cylinders during anti-hoarding drives conducted at various locations across Mysuru district, said Joint Director of the Department Manteswamy.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, he said the Department has been closely monitoring illegal hoarding of LPG cylinders and unauthorised LPG filling units.

"We have been keeping an eye on those involved in hoarding LPG cylinders and running illegal LPG filling units. Several raids have been conducted in the district during which illegally stored LPG cylinders were seized and complaints lodged against those involved," he said.

In one such case, officials acting on a tip-off raided a shed in Nanjangud Town and recovered domestic, commercial and small LPG cylinders. According to the complaint filed by Food Department, the shed was used as an illegal LPG filling unit where commercial cylinders were filled using domestic and small cylinders. On noticing the officials, two persons involved in the illegal activity fled the spot. Residents later informed the officials that the unit was run by two persons identified as Fajeel and Charlie.

The officials seized the cylinders and related equipment and lodged a complaint with Nanjangud Police, who have registered an FIR and are investigating the case.

In another raid, the Department officials searched a house belonging to one Swamy at Huyilalu village in Yelwal and recovered several illegally stored empty LPG cylinders. A complaint has been lodged at Yelwal Police Station in this regard.

'Food and Civil Supplies Dept. must detect LPG hoarding first'

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Dr. Parameshwar reiterated that the State Government has certain limitations in the matter and that the Police cannot register cases against black marketeers or hoarders on their own.

He urged officials of the Food and Civil Supplies Department to immediately inform the Police if they come across cases of black marketing or hoarding of LPG cylinders or other commodities. He asserted that the State Government is doing everything possible within its limits to ensure an uninterrupted supply of domestic LPG.

Meeting with district officials

The Home Minister met senior officers of Mysuru, including Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Inspector General of Police (IGP)-Southern Range Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, DCP (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada, DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO S. Ukesh Kumar.

Dr. Parameshwar reportedly discussed the general law and order situation in Mysuru and other pressing issues.

Wait for High Command decision

Commenting on speculation over a leadership change in the State Congress Government, Dr. Parameshwar said, any such decision would be taken only by the Congress High Command.

He maintained that the High Command is the sole authority to decide on the leadership issue and added that Siddaramaiah is currently the Chief Minister and may continue for the next two years as well.

Recalling that the Congress High Command had not declared Siddaramaiah as the Chief Ministerial candidate for the full term ahead of the 2013 Assembly elections, he noted that Siddaramaiah nevertheless completed the entire five-year term.

"A similar situation may arise this time too," he said, indicating that Siddaramaiah could complete the full five-year term, three years of which have already passed.

Dr. Parameshwar also said that the High Command has not given any confusing signals regarding leadership change and that, in such a situation, it would be inappropriate for leaders to speculate on the matter.

Cyber criminals cheat senior citizen of Rs. 7.50 lakh

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (PM&KS)- Cyber criminals, who lured a senior citizen into online trading by promising high returns for his investment, have cheated him of Rs. 7.50 lakh.

According to the complaint, on Jan. 30, the mobile phone number of the 80-year-old retired employee was added to a WhatsApp group where information pertaining to primary marketing stocks was provided much to the interest of the senior citizen. Later, the number was added to another WhatsApp group and as per the suggestion, the senior citizen invested Rs. 50,000 and purchased stocks.

Meanwhile, the online trading account of the senior citizen showed that he had earned a profit. Believing it, the senior citizen invested a total of Rs. 7.50 lakh (including earlier investment of Rs. 50,000) in phases and his online trading account showed that he had earned Rs. 7,40,492 as profit.

But when the senior citizen tried to withdraw the profit, he was unable to do so and realised that he had been cheated.

The senior citizen then lodged a complaint with CEN Police and a FIR was registered on Apr. 4.

RPF helps Dutch traveller recover her lost guitar

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (BCT)- A foreign passenger received timely help from Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel in Mysuru after accidentally leaving behind her belongings at Mysuru City Railway Station, highlighting the prompt response of railway staff.

According to a post shared by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mysuru, Mudit Mittal, the incident involved Renske Roos Termenlen, a citizen of the Netherlands, who had left her guitar on Train No. 16551 MAS-AP Express (MGR Chennai Central to Ashokapuram).

On receiving the information, RPF personnel acted swiftly and, with the assistance of Ashokapuram Railway Station staff, safely traced and secured the guitar.

After completing the necessary verification procedures, the instrument was returned to the passenger the next day.

Expressing her gratitude, the Dutch passenger commended the RPF Mysuru team for their prompt action and professionalism. "I forgot my guitar and approached the RPF. I am very happy for your help. Thank you," she said.

City Volvo fleet retires

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As all Volvo buses in Mysuru had completed 15 years of service, KSRTC discontinued their operations and sent them to scrap yards.

Globally known for their advanced safety features, sustainability and premium travel experience, Volvo buses have earned a strong reputation in public transport systems. When introduced in India, they offered passengers a distinctly comfortable travel option, particularly for longer journeys.

Inducted in 2011

In Mysuru, KSRTC inducted 33 Volvo buses in 2011 under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM) scheme, marking the beginning of premium bus services in the city.

While a regular city bus costs around Rs. 40 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh, each Volvo bus was priced between Rs. 90 lakh and Rs. 1.2 crore. Despite their modest mileage of 2 to 2.5 km per litre, KSRTC invested in the fleet to provide Mysuru residents with a high-quality travel experience.

Compared to ordinary buses, the Volvo services offered a distinctly superior ride. Even with higher ticket fares, many passengers preferred them for their comfort and safety features such as seat belts, emergency exits and anti-skid systems. Their striking red colour soon earned them the affectionate nickname 'Red Beauty.'

IT corridor, Chamundi Hill

The buses were particularly popular on routes serving Mysuru's IT corridor, especially Hebbal, home to campuses of Infosys, Wipro and other companies. Many IT professionals preferred the Volvo buses despite the higher fares.

Apart from Hebbal, the buses operated across several major localities, including Vijayanagar, J.P. Nagar, Chamundi Hill, Dattagalli and Kuvempunagar, offering air-conditioned travel within the city.

With the scrapping of all 33 buses, the 'Red Beauty' has now disappeared from Mysuru's roads. While the buses are gone, the comfort and elegance they brought to the city's public transport will remain a cherished memory for many residents.

Vintage Vignettes ... from a Princely State

By R.G. Singh
Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana

This sepia toned photograph is the official coronation portrait of H.H. Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur IV taken on Saturday, 2nd February 1895. Photographed by M. Buranudin R.P. (Royal Photographer?)

The photographer has aesthetically arranged Victorian furniture, a metallic European table-clock, two leather-bound books along with a dog (probably a sculpture) to add character to the still photograph. The young prince bedecked in heavy jewellery and a grand woven silk dress gives a hesitant side glance to the camera. The background is a painted cloth screen faintly depicting an English countryside.

After the demise of H.H. Chamaraja Wadiyar X, in 1894 at Calcutta, the Viceroy's Office announced that the eleven years old, Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the eldest son of the deceased king, would be recognised as the heir to the Mysore throne and would assume ruling powers when he turns eighteen. The coronation was performed at Mysore Palace in the presence of the British Resident Col. Henderson who attended all the customary ceremonies on Friday, 1st February 1895.

The official installation ceremony granting him ruling powers was held on Friday, 8th August 1902. Until then his mother H.H. Vani Vilasa Sannidhana was the Regent and along with a Council of three eminent citizens of erstwhile Mysore State administered the kingdom.

[Size: 15x20 cms; Collection: Ramsons Kala Pratishtana]

Disciples felicitate *Natyacharya* Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao

Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, the Founder-Member of Bharatiya Nrityakala Parishat (BNKP), Mysuru and Founder-Director of Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, Mysuru, was felicitated by his disciples on account of him receiving Karnataka Rajyotsava Award 2025, at a ceremony held at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar yesterday. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Collegiate Education Division Assistant Director B. Niranjanamurthy, violinist Dr. Mysore Manjunath, BNKP President Guru Vidushi Dr. Sheela Sridhar, Nrityalaya Trust Director Vidushi Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Founder-Director of Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre Dr. Kripa Phadke, Dr. C.G. Prahlad Rao, Kumudini Achchi and others were present. Following felicitation, disciples of Prof. Rao — Vidu. Sabina Lohiya of Chitra Fine Arts & Sri Kalamandira, Bengaluru and Vidu. Padmini Achchi's disciples of Achchi Classical Dance Centre, Bengaluru — presented 'Nritya Namana.'

Cricket buffs enjoy match day at IPL Fan Park

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (VVH &VNS)- The cricket buffs, who had gathered at the IPL Fan Park set up at JSS Science and Technology University campus (SJCE), enjoyed watching yesterday's double-decker with Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) taking on Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) and Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) playing against Chennai Super Kings (CSK).

The Fan Park was open from 2.30 pm and with the opening of gates, fans filled up the place within minutes. They were seen enjoying the matches along with their family members, relatives and friends. While, there was not much of a noise for the match between LSG and SRH, the second match witnessed the fans cheering the RCB who took on CSK and eventually emerged victorious. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had made separate seating arrangements for elderly citizens, pregnant women and specially-abled at the Fan Park.

Fans disappointed

A few cricket fans, who had come to JSS STU campus to witness the IPL matches, were disappointed as they were stopped at the entry gates by security personnel citing lack of space for vehicle parking and seating as well.

People were seen arguing with security personnel for denying them entry and later forced themselves inside. A few others were seen jumping the compound to enter the venue.

Nostalgic reunion

Five senior alumni visit their alma mater

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (GS) - A group of five veterans had nostalgic moments when they visited their alma mater, D. Banumaiah's High School, recently.

All of the 80-plus age had their formative education at the high school level in this leading institution.

They went round the classrooms where they sat and learnt lessons, the library room where they borrowed books and the beautiful hall where they attended school functions, like anniversaries and class socials.

They saw the big colourful painting of the school Founder, Sowcar D. Banumaiah, still adorning the auditorium and photos of their Principal B.V. Banumaiah and Vice-Principal Prof. H.S. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, a well-known writer and columnist, and others.

The over six-decade-old antique photos, which one of the five old students, Samson Jayanth Sadhu, had brought with him, added to the pleasant memories as they could identify and recall the names of their teachers and colleagues.

One of the photos displayed in the school was of the historic occasion when Gandhiji visited the School during his visit to Mysuru, and D. Banumaiah was seated on the floor near him.

The five old students included Industrialist R. Guru of Ranga Rao & Sons, SDM Educational Institutions Administrative Officer N. Prasanna Kumar, Educationist Samson Jayanth Sadhu, Saraswathi Typewriting Institute ex-Principal Jayaram and Senior Journalist Gouri Satya.

They were received by Principal Prof. Basavaraju, Head Master Krupa Shankar and others. School President Dr. V.B. Jayadev took them round and explained the progress made over the years. He also honoured them.

Nearly 400 students are presently studying in the School.

Sri Gayathri Mahila Samaja celebrates Silver Jubilee

KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa (5th from left) releasing souvenir 'Rajatha Gayathri' during the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Sri Gayathri Mahila Samaja, Srirampura, SBM Colony, at Ganabharathi's Veene Sheshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar on Mar. 30. Also seen are chief guest Dr. Leela Prakash, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Vivekananda Brahmana Sabha President L. Narasimha Prasad, Youth Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar, Samaja President Rajeshwari Ganeshan, Secretary Padma Narayan and others. On this occasion, former Samaja leaders, who laid the strong foundation for the Samaja, were honoured.

Vid. Sandeep Narayan performs for Ramothsava

Vid. Sandeep Narayan presenting a Classical Music Concert at Smt. Alammana Choultry in Srirampet last evening as part of the 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026 organised by Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru. He is accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna on kanjira.

Yeshasvini Scheme: Plea to extend registration deadline to May 31

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (DM)- With the Government deadline for Yeshasvini Health Scheme registration having ended on Mar. 31, city Congress leader Mohammed Ayub, a former member of Aradhana Samiti, has appealed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to extend the deadline to May 31.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Minister, Mohammed Ayub said that there were many public holidays in March, which saw two major festivals such as Ugadi and Ramzan, public exams in the month of March and as such, many people could not visit co-operative societies for getting registered for Yeshasvini Health Scheme.

Hence, the Government should extend the Yeshasvini Health Scheme registration to May 31, so that more people get covered under the scheme to avail health care, the letter said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Immure

Pronunciation: ih-MYOOR (verb).
Meaning: To immure something is to enclose it within or as if within walls. Immure is also sometimes used synonymously with imprison.
Origin: Like mural, immure comes from murus, a Latin noun meaning "wall." Immure came to English by way of the Medieval Latin verb immurare, formed from murus and the prefix in- (meaning "in" or "within"). Immure, which first appeared in English in the late 16th century, literally means "to wall in" or "to enclose with a wall," but it has extended meanings as well. In addition to senses meaning "to imprison" and "to entomb," the word sometimes has broader applications, essentially meaning "to shut in" or "to confine." One might remark, for example, that a very studious acquaintance spends most of her time "immured in the library."
Example: "The Torlonia collection, which Alessandro Torlonia moved into a private museum in Rome in 1875, went into hiding in the early 1940s... Disputes among family members and with the government left the marbles hidden away, gathering dust and grime. For all those years scholars had to beg and bribe to get in. One government official, desperate to see what gems the Torlonia prince had immured, resorted to dressing up as a cleaner." — Jason Farago, The New York Times, 16 Apr. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Icterogenic
Causing jaundice.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

If you can't take the heat

Meaning: The phrase 'If you can't take the heat' indicates that if one is unable to cope with a stressful situation, then one should leave it to someone else who can handle it. The expression is also commonly used as 'If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.'
Origin: The phrase 'If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen' is widely attributed to Harry S. Truman, who used it already in 1942, while he was still a Senator. 'The Soda Springs Sun', a local newspaper in Idaho, quoted Truman this way: "Favorite rejoinder of Senator Harry S. Truman, when a member of his war contracts investigating committee objects to his strenuous pace: 'If you don't like the het, get out of the kitchen'." In 1949, President Truman used another version of the phrase, a bit closer to the one we use today, to tell his staff not to be overly concerned about criticism related to their appointments: "I'll stand by (you) but if you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen."
Example: Sam: "I'm really stressed about all cold calling I have to do for work." Mark: "Maybe you should find a different job. You know what they say: If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

QUOTE BOX

He who cannot put his thoughts on ice should not enter into the heat of dispute.— **Friedrich Nietzsche**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

PIT.

Answer: Pit Stop.

SUDOKU

4		8				2		3
	1		4		6		7	
		5	7		8	9		
	7						8	
		1	6		3	4		
	6		3		5		2	
2		9				7		8

Answer to previous puzzle

3	6	5	8	2	9	1	7	4
8	2	9	1	7	4	6	5	3
1	7	4	6	3	5	9	8	2
4	8	6	7	1	2	3	9	5
5	1	2	3	9	6	7	4	8
9	3	7	5	4	8	2	6	1
6	9	3	4	8	1	5	2	7
2	4	1	9	5	7	8	3	6
7	5	8	2	6	3	4	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Ages
5 Automated online program
8 Reliquary
12 Summons to appear in court
13 French word for "we"
14 Hawaiian city
15 Washes and irons?
17 In regard to?
19 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
20 Equipment, apparatus, tackle, etc.?
22 Rips apart
26 At the ____ : in control of affairs?
29 Sage
30 Pod vegetable
31 At no time
33 Actress Gardner
34 Fifty percent
36 Low-cost
38 Wilt
40 Piece of news
41 Peruse
43 Fourth month
47 Contrabandist
51 Parasitic insects
52 Irish
53 Harmful microorganism
54 Bound with strings ?
55 _ __ carte: buffet's opposite? (1,2)
56 One of 22 in a cricket pitch

DOWN
1 Ms Gupta of Bollywood
2 Devastation
3 Having the capacity
4 Marine growth
5 Deity of Babylonian religion
6 Broadcasting (2,3)
7 Tightly stretched
8 Queen Elizabeth's second son
9 Mass of eggs in fish
10 Mongrel dog
11 Make an __ of oneself : behave foolishly?
16 Snare
18 Adolescent
21 Out of the storm
23 Amer Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
24 Letters before a phone number, maybe
25 All at ___ : confused or bewildered?
26 Deteriorate with use
27 Popular Microsoft game
28 Religious group
30 Thinker of great thoughts hopefully, abbr.
32 South America's "ostrich"
35 Fake
37 Put to work
39 Cribbage piece
40 Just right
42 Airline Pilots Assoc.
44 Baltic city
45 Cake decorator
46 Give on loan
47 Some movie shooting is going on inhere
48 Ministry of Radio Industry
49 Purpose or role, in a way
50 Required Time of Arrival

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Y	O	G	A	■	S	C	A	B	■	M	M	I
E	T	A	L	■	A	L	B	A	■	E	S	C
A	T	T	A	■	C	O	U	R	T	E	S	Y
H	O	M	B	U	R	G	■	B	I	T	■	■
■	■	■	A	N	A	■	G	E	M	I	N	I
A	A	D	M	I	■	D	E	R	■	N	A	T
D	A	R	A	■	G	U	T	■	E	G	G	S
E	R	A	■	P	I	C	■	T	E	S	S	A
N	E	I	G	H	S	■	W	A	R	■	■	■
■	■	N	I	L	■	S	I	M	I	L	A	R
T	R	I	R	E	M	E	S	■	E	I	N	E
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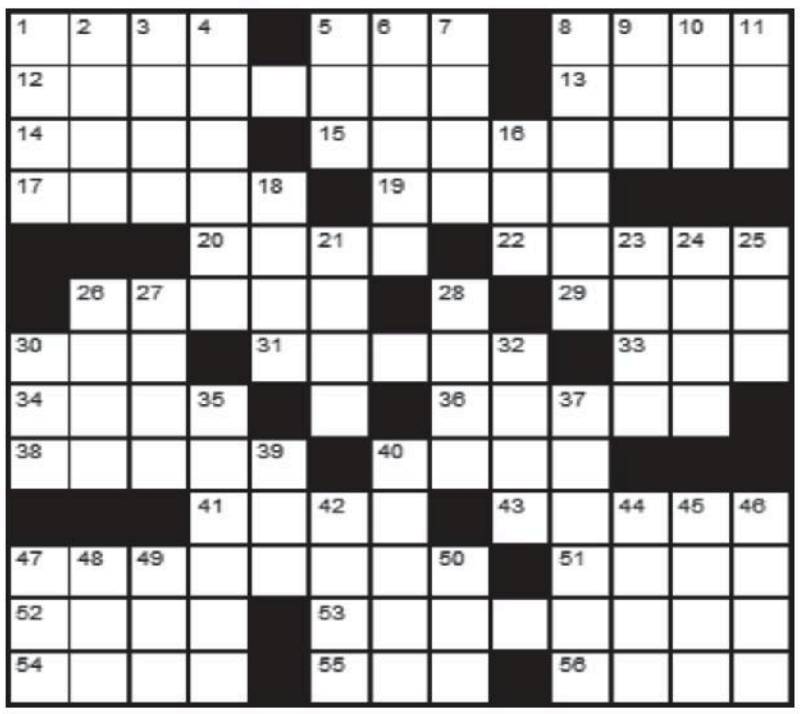

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HB'Q IUQO BN EUFI CYHXGHCJIQ LEIX ONK'YI YHGE. BEI

HDCNYBUXB BEHXA HQ BN EUFI CYHXGHCJIQ LEIX ONK'YI CNNY.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Fortunate indeed, is the man who takes exactly the right measure of himself, and holds a just balance between what he can acquire and what he can use.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 3 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 3 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 3 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 3 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Biker (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Love Mocktail 3 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  First Night with Devva (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Leader -2026 (Ta) - 2 Shows; *Kaalidasa (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Guardians (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422 4241800

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-1)	9 am, 1.30 pm, 6 pm
	(S-4)	12.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	(S-4)	5.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru - Part 2 (K)	(S-2)	10 am
Nannu Karunakara (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm, 7.20 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 am
Biker (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E-3D)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 7.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Leader (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	(S-3)	4 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

Dhurandar - The Revenge (K)	(S-1)	11 am
	(S-3)	3 pm, 7.30 pm
Dhurandar - The Revenge (H)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 5.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Kaalidasa 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	3.20 pm
Biker (Te)	(S-1)	6.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm
		4 pm, 6.45 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 1 pm, 5.45 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	4.45 pm, 10 pm
Biker (Te)	:	9.45 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.05 am, 1.55 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm
The Drama (E)	:	10.40 am, 11.30 am
		5,40 pm, 10.20 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E-3D)	:	11 am, 1 pm, 8.05 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	12.55 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm
Leader (2026) (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Ready or Not 2: Here I Come (E)	:	1.05 pm, 3.15 pm
Kaalidas 2 (Ta)	:	7.15 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 1 pm, 5.45 pm
		10 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	2.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	9 am, 4.10 pm
Biker (Te)	:	10 am, 6.40 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10 am, 1.20 pm
		7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E-3D)	:	12.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Kaalidas 2 (Ta)	:	12.45 pm
Naanu Karunakara (K)	:	3.40 pm

Ramanavami Music Fest concludes with Chilkunda Sisters' Concert

Chilkunda Sisters — Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj and Vidu. Indu Nagaraj — presenting vocal duet at Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on N.S. Road in city on the concluding day of the 110th Ramanavami Annual Music Festival yesterday. They are accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Keshava Datta on mridanga, Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata and Samanvitha Raghunandan on tambura.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 6)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Rangajagali Samskrutika Trust:** 'Ranga Sanje' programme, folk songs recital by Samagama Samskrutika Vedike, **5.30 pm;** Hindustani flute recital by R. Balasubramanya, D.S. Shivashankar and Sunaad Hegde, **6 pm;** Folk Story Songs by Rahul Kumbarahalli and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Stage programme - Kannada & Culture Dept. Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, CAVA Administrative Officer Nirmala Mathapati, KSOU Kannada Study & Research Division Assistant Professor Dr. P. Mani, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Film Director B. Siddegowda GBS, Trust Founder-President S.D. Dayananda, Secretary B.P. Vijaya, Trustees S.D. Sampath Kumar and Mahadeva will be present, **7 pm;** Staging of play 'Ondu Halliya Kathe.' The play, written by Haniyambadi Raju, is directed by S.D. Dayananda. Lights by T.R. Gururaju and Music by D.S. Shivashankar. Managed by Tyagaraju Devarahalli, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Mysuru:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Sri Hanumantotsava, Utsava, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 7)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Wadiyar Centre for Architecture (WCFA), Mysuru and Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS-Mysuru), Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA):** Special talk by Dr. B.S. Shylaja, Visiting Scientist and former Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, Bengaluru, on 'Astronomy in temples - Architecture, art and time keeping,' Lecture Hall 1 & 2, WCFA, No. 1011, CH20, Krishnaraja Boulevard, Chamaraja Mohalla, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Veena Vadana by Veena Vidwan Sriprada, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Shayanotsava Alankara to Sri Ramachandraswamy; Bhajans by Datta Bhajana Mandali, Vivekanandanagar, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **7 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 9.05 am, 1 pm
		5.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	1.25 pm
Biker (Te)	:	10.05 am, 6.10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.45 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E)	:	4.25 pm, 10 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	4.35 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 1 pm, 5.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	9.45 am, 4.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.10 pm, 4.45 pm, 7.20 pm
Premi (K)	:	11.45 am
Aparichithe (K)	:	2.20 pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (E-3D)	:	2.30 pm
Biker (Te)	:	4 pm, 10.10 pm
Psychic (K)	:	7.45 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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APRIL 6

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